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SUBJECT: PERMANENT EMBASSY CHANCERY

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1. PER REFTTEL A, EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH DLA PERSONNEL ON THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 12 TO DISCUSS THE NEW EMBASSY CHANCERY. AT THIS MEETING A STATEMENT AND ACCOMPANYING PLANS ACCORDING TO REFEL D, AS APPROVED IN REFTTEL B, WERE PRESENTED. THE DLA WISH TO EXAMINE THE REQUEST AND AGREED TO RESPOND THIS WEEK. THEY NOTED THAT THERE WOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL COST FOR THESE CHANGES; WE REQUESTED A COST ESTIMATE OF THE INCREMENTAL CHANGES NOT TO INCLUDE AREAS NOT YET BUILT. WE ALSO REQUESTED THAT WORK BE STOPPED IN THE CONCERNED AREAS.

2. A MEETING WAS ARRANGED FOR MESSRS. MCGUIRE AND KNOOP ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20 TO VISIT THE NEW CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE; FOLLOWING THIS AN AFTERNOON MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED WITH DLA REPRESENTATIVES. THE DLA WAS REQUESTED TO HAVE THEIR RESPONSE TO OUR PROPOSAL, COST ESTIMATES AND CONSTRUCTION PLANS READY TO PROVIDE MR. KNOOP BEFORE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

3. RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR MESSRS. MCGUIRE AND KNOOP AT THE OFFICER'S CLUB OF TEMPELHOF AIRPORT IN

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WEST BERLIN, LOCATED SOME 10 MINUTES FROM THE EMBASSY.

WE WILL MEET THEM AND ARRANGE FOR DAILY TRANSPORTATION,  
TO AND FROM THE EMBASSY AND QUARTERS. WE LOOK FORWARD  
TO THE ARRIVAL OF BOTH REPRESENTATIVES AND ARE CONFIDENT  
THEY WILL BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING MAJOR  
PROBLEMS AND GETTING THE FINAL CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY.

4. THE FOLLOWING IS OFFERED IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS  
RAISED IN PARA 1A OF REFTEL B:

A) WHILE THE EMBASSY DOES NOT YET HAVE A SOLID  
FIGURE TO SUBMIT ON THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES PLANNED FOR  
THE COMMERCIAL SECTION OF THE EMBASSY LIBRARY, IT IS OUR  
OPINION THAT THE LIBRARY SHOULD BE SMALL AND CAREFULLY  
SELECTED.

B) THE SAME APPLIES TO THE COLLECTION SELECTED BY  
USIA, ESPECIALLY IN THE BEGINNING WHEN NO ONE KNOWS WHAT  
ATTENDANCE IS LIKELY TO BE. ANY IDEAS ON METHODS OF  
INCREASING ITS IMPACT AS A REFERENCE LIBRARY WOULD BE WELCOMED.

C) P&C OFFICER RECOMMENDS THAT A USIA ARCHITECT/  
DESIGNER ACCOMPANY THE FBO ARCHITECT TO CONSIDER  
CINEMA EQUIPMENT, SOUND SYSTEM AND LIGHTING IN THE  
AUDITORIUM, AS WELL AS TO TRY TO PRESERVE MAXIMUM SPACE  
FOR THE AUDITORIUM AND LIBRARY, GIVEN THE RECOGNIZED  
NEED FOR TOILET AND GARDEROBE FACILITIES ON THE GROUND  
FLOOR.

5. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THIS TELEGRAM COULD BE  
BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF AMBASSADOR COOPER IN  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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